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October Update to the Medicare Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) Version 20.0 for Bills from Hospitals That Are Not Paid Under the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)

Note: This article was updated on April 5, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Hospitals that are not paid under the OPPS

Provider Action Needed

This change informs hospitals not paid under the OPPS of new additions, changes, and deletions to HCPCS codes, diagnosis codes, and procedure codes. Ensure that your billing staff is aware of these changes and bills accordingly.

Background

The October update of the OCE used for processing hospital claims not paid under the OPPS includes a number of code additions, deletions, and changes. These are summarized as follows:

- Over 170 new ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes have been added to the list of valid diagnosis codes, effective October 1, 2004.
- 25 diagnosis codes have been deleted from the list of valid ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes, effective October 1, 2004.
- Over 150 diagnosis codes will have revised short descriptors effective on October 1, 2004.
- 100 codes have been deleted from the list of adult diagnosis codes effective on October 1, 2004.
- 33 new codes have been added to the list of codes allowed for females only as of October 1, 2004.

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To view the specific diagnosis codes and their descriptors in the above categories, see the actual CR3396, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R255CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

In addition to the extensive list of changes mentioned above, the following changes are also noted:

- One code (V8403, Genetic susceptibility to malignant neoplasm of prostate) has been added to the list of diagnoses allowed for males only as of October 1, 2004.
- HCPCS code C9219 (Mycophenolic acid, oral) has been added to the list of valid codes, effective January 1, 2004.
- HCPCS code C9218 (Injection, azacitidine) has been added to the list of valid codes, effective as of April 1, 2004.
- HCPCS code G0336 (PET imaging brain Alzheimer's) has been added to the list of valid codes effective as of July 1, 2004.
- Five codes (G0330, PET image initial dx cervical; G0331, PET image restage ovarian ca; G0341, Percutaneous Islet cell trans; G0342, Laparoscopy Islet cell trans; and G0343, Laparotomy Islet cell transp) have been added to the list of valid codes effective on October 1, 2004.
- Three codes (C9408, C9416, and C9434) have been deleted from the list of valid HCPCS, effective January 1, 2004.
- One new diagnosis code (7966, Nonspecific abnormal findings on neonatal screening) has been added to the list of maternity diagnoses, effective October 1, 2004.
- C9219 has been added to the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2004.
- C9218 has been added to the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective April 1, 2004.

Two codes (Q4054 and Q4055) have been removed from the list of Non-Reportable procedures, effective January 1, 2004.

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your fiscal intermediary, which includes additional details regarding the changes made to version 19.2 of the non-OPPS OCE including:

- New ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes

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- Deleted ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Codes
- Revised ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Code Descriptions
- New HCPCS/CPT Procedure Codes
- Deleted HCPCS Procedure Codes
- Medicare Outpatient Code Edits
- Non-Reportable Procedures

This instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R255CP.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your intermediary at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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